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Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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To Save Your Soul One Door Only, Only One Way!

By Missionary Norman Lewis
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God has limited the entrance to eternal salvation to one door only, just one way. God's way is adequate for every human being because no one need use more than one way in order to be saved. But it is absolutely vital that everyone take God's way because there is no other. Rebellious men can argue and complain against God until Hell swallows them up, but the divine plan will stand. God offers His way of salvation to every human being. His love is great, His provision bounteous. How important it is that everyone know what God says about the way of salvation! My friend, whoever, wherever you are, have sense enough not to trust human opinions in the question of your soul's salvation. You can know what God says by reading the Book that offers you His salvation. The Bible is for you.

The Written Word

God speaks in this Book. It has stood through the ages and will judge men in the last great day. Never man went astray who obeyed its teachings, nor will anyone be saved who disregards it.

I want you to listen to three texts from this wonderful Book:

1. "Said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:7-9). What language! Plain and inviting, yet it condemns every opposing teacher and every false way. These words are from the mouth of the Son of God. They are perfectly appropriate in the lips of Him who stands on the highest pedestal of the universe. He declares salvation has but one door, Himself.

2. Just before the crucifixion, the Lord Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The disciples were perplexed

by what Jesus had told them of His death and resurrection. He well knew that the convulsive, earth-shaking events of His crucifixion (Continued on page 9)



Rev. Norman Lewis

The Hosts Meet at Denver

Christians From Many Denominations and Churches, From Many States, Convene at Denver in Great Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, November 9-16, at Beth-Eden Baptist Church to Seek Inspiration for Revival, Help on Soul Winning, to Learn How to Preach and Pray for Revivals, How to Be Filled With the Holy Spirit, How to Organize, Advertise, and Promote Soul-Winning Campaigns

By the Editor

Do you want to know how the greatest soul-winning church in the world won thousands of souls last year, baptized 1,250 new converts? The pastor, Dr. Lee Roberson, of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, president of the famous Tennessee Temple Schools, will tell how it was done. For four days his burning messages will stir hearts, uncover sham, convict of sin and failure. He will give detailed instruction on how to build a soul-winning church, tell how he makes a great Sunday School, with attendance up to 4,000, a soul-winning agency. He will tell how to visit and supervise soul-winning visitations, etc.

Do you want to know how to organize for revivals, how to lead God's people, how to arouse enthusiasm, how to conduct the prayer life of the church for revival? Dr. D. A. McCall, for eleven years director of evangelism for 1,500 Mississippi Baptist churches, leading them to an all-time high in soul winning, will be speaking daily in the great Denver conference, November 9 to 16. He was executive secretary for the Baptists of Mississippi, was tremendously blessed of God in building

the work, raising mission funds. He has preached in thirty-five countries, is a strong successful pastor, now Minister of Revival Promotion for the Sword of the Lord. This mighty man, one of the most radiant Christian personalities in the American pulpit today, will be speaking daily. He will confer with pastors.

Editor John R. Rice, this unworthy writer, will be speaking daily also on prayer, on soul winning (Continued on page 10)

Christ And The Sinful Woman

By the late Dr. W. B. Riley

"And every man went unto his own house"—John 7:53. "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more"—John 8:10, 11.

Notwithstanding our much-boasted civilization, the Magdalenes of the earth multiply. The strange woman still infests the streets. Polluted herself, she is the temptress of the individual, the menace of the home, a blot on society and an enemy of the state. And yet she is a woman possessed of human capabilities and endowed with immortal interests, and it is well-nigh insane for society to attempt to ignore her conduct on the one side, or to despise her soul interests on the other.

If one would find the solution of any problem, let him hear what Jesus has to say upon the same, for "never man spake as this man." If one would discover an example of conduct toward the unfortunate or the sinful, let him watch Jesus at His work with the one or both, for never man wrought as He wrought. It is a singular thing that although twenty centuries have passed since Jesus met this Magdalene, heard the charges against her, and disposed of her case, society seems not yet to know what to do with the adulteress.

In the hope of making suggestions alike helpful to the sinful woman and to social order, I bring to you the text of this evening and ask you to think of The Woman's Crime, The Woman's Critics, and The Woman's Christ.

The Woman's Crime

"And the scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman taken in adultery" (John 8:3, R.V.). The Scriptures do not seek to cover away her sin, nor do they employ soft terms in the description of the same. Adultery is a word of bad repute. It voices a disregard of God; it despises the most sacred relations between men and women; it ignores domestic interests; it imperils social order; it strikes a blow in the face of God. The charge laid against this woman was not disputed; and Christ, while revealing sympathy for the sinner, in no wise condoned her crime.

It was a crime against herself.

Dr. Jowett, one of England's noble preachers, calls attention to Matthew Arnold's statement that "sin is not a monster, but an infirmity," and justly repudiates that definition, saying, "If I take Matthew Arnold's statement into my own soul, into my own secret consciousness, I know that it is not true. If it were an infirmity only, there would be no sense of



Dr. W. B. Riley

responsibility for it. If my eyes have an infirmity I do not feel guilty, but when I sin I am conscious of more than infirmity. I (Continued on page 4)

Will It Take Ten Years?

By the Editor

A few months ago, after deep searching of heart and waiting on God, I came to the conviction that I must spend at least half of my time in the office editing *The Sword of the Lord* and promoting the work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. This decision was one of sacrifice. It wrenched my soul. My first love is great city-wide union revival campaigns. But God made it clear to me that I must take the longer view, and set out to do a larger work even than city-wide campaigns. I will spend much of my time in great revival campaigns; but God has showed me that He wants me to help open the way for revivals around the world, help train Christians in soul winning, help to set a pattern for evangelists, and otherwise stir revival fires and turn millions back to God. Many will be saved in my revival campaigns I trust, and many young people called out to full-time service for God. Many Christians will be brought to live a separated, Spirit-filled life. God will call out evangelists and pastors and missionaries out of my revival campaigns, I have no doubt, as He has so graciously done for thirty years. But I believe that God wants to do a hundred times more through the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

First of all, we must fight the battle for evangelism and soul winning. Almost everywhere soul (Continued on page 7)

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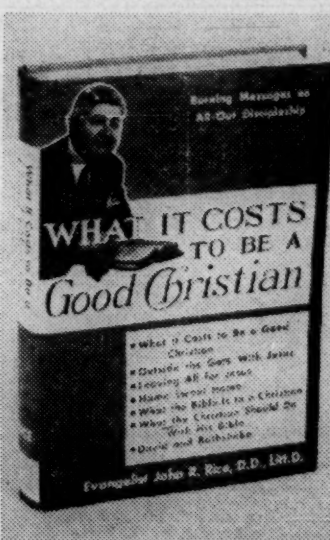
By Editor John R. Rice

One big item in the big expansion program of the Sword of the Lord is a new building, which should cost some \$250,000. (Other aims include a million paid circulation for *The Sword of the Lord*, 50,000 members of the Sword Book Club, etc.) Meantime, we have felt compelled to purchase the Singspiration building in Wheaton for immediate expansion; and we moved part of our office force to the new building, two stories, with full basement, the first week in October. This building is a good investment, we can get our money out of it, we think, any time, if needed.

On the new building, we are to pay \$5,000 per month for several months. About \$4,600 came in for the Building Fund during September. That means that out of our regular Sword budget, we were forced to supply some \$400 on the October 1 payment. But our regular budget is desperately strained all the time; and we will have to pay back that \$400 out of the Building Fund, and pay other promotional costs, besides raising

\$5,000 for the November 1 payment of the Singspiration building.

I am deeply grateful, and so is Dr. McCall, and all the Sword office force, for the gifts during September which ranged from \$1 to \$100. But now November 1 is only a few days away, and I beg you, all who gave last month, to give again this month if you can; (Continued on page 11)



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The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

By the Editor

Many questions are coming about the New Revised Standard translation of the Bible. J. L. Harrison of Atlanta, Georgia, writes:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Recently I have had several members of my Bible class to ask me my opinion of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible that goes on sale this month. Not having read or heard much about it, I cannot satisfy their minds about it.

"Also I have been told that the National Council of Churches of Christ of America, who sponsored this work and who hold the copyright, is not a true-to-the-Bible organization.

"Having read several of your books and THE SWORD OF THE LORD regularly, I don't know of anyone more capable of giving the true facts about this Bible and this Council of Churches.

"I would appreciate very much if you could find time to give me some information about this as it would be a great help to me and the class.

"Yours in Christ,"

(Signed) J. L. Harrison.

The Editor's Answer

October 3, 1952

My dear Brother Harrison:

I am glad to have your letter inquiring about the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

First, it is true that the National Council of Churches have sponsored this translation, and the leadership of this Council is modernistic. It is not true that all of the Council is modern. Many churches are in the Council which includes saved people who believe the Bible. But the leadership of the National Council of Churches is definitely modernistic, and the scholars who prepared this translation are principally modernists.

Second, this modernism did not have much chance to come out, since the translation made by many scholars would be checked so that one man's opinion would be corrected somewhat by another. However, the personal pronoun *you* is used about Christ, while the more reverent form *thou* is used about God many times. The committee intended, it said, that *thou* should be used with reference to God. That indicates that the committee did not accept Jesus as God in human form. I understand also that in one place or two, "The only begotten Son of God" was changed to "The only Son of God," leaving out the word which is in the Greek, and without any legitimate excuse.

Third, the propaganda and ad-

vertising about this new translation is not reliable. The book is copyrighted, sold by one publisher, and sold for profit, so one needs to take with a grain of salt all the claims about it. It is false to say that this new translation corrects 6,000 errors found in the King James translation. It is wrong to cast reflection on the King James Version of the Bible, which is a good solid translation. This translation never will, I think, take the place of the King James Version. Fourth, the New Revised Standard Version is not as accurate as the King James Version in a good many cases. That is true partly because often these men, not having the same reverence for the literal Word of God as previous translators sometimes have had, have given a paraphrase and not a literal translation. So it is not as exact. Again, in the King James Version usually any word supplied by the translator is put in italics so that the reader can instantly know any words that are supplied for the sake of clearer sense, by the translators. That device is dropped in this new translation, and now one cannot tell what words are supplied which were not in the original Greek or Hebrew.

I think that the New Revised Standard Version is far better than the average one-man translation. I like it better than the Weymouth translation, far better than the Moffatt translation, and very, very much more than the *Letters to Young Churches* by Phillips, which is an abominable paraphrase. But it is not as good as the American Standard Version and not as good as the King James Version, either as far as accuracy or reverence is concerned.

I have one of these New Revised Standard Versions and will have it on my desk for study and comparison when necessary. But I will continue to use both in the pulpit and in private devotion my King James Version as a general thing. Thank you for your inquiry.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

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THE EDITOR'S Notes by John R. Rice

Although the editor's office is moved a block, to the Singspiration building we have recently purchased for part of our office force, all mail is to be addressed the same to Sword of the Lord, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois. It is always best to address any mail for the editor directly to the home office, and if I am away, it will be forwarded immediately, airmail.

Happy Days With C.M.A. Brethren

This is written Saturday night, October 4. Tomorrow I will close an eight-day engagement in Wauertown, South Dakota. I am here speaking as the guest of the Northwestern District convention and missionary conference of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I speak nightly in the city auditorium. Services were intended to reach Christians and the unconverted of this area, as well as the delegates from a number of states to this C.M.A. prayer conference, missionary conference and convention.

I have been fervently blessed by fellowship with Rev. Bernard King, the national treasurer of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, who previously had been district superintendent of this Northwestern District; with Dr. H. M. Shuman, C.M.A. national president, with Dr. George Strohm, president of the St. Paul Bible Institute, and with pastors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Montana, Iowa, etc. Missionary Andrianof, who has had a great revival in French Indo-China, with 3,000 saved, has been speaking in several of the services, and his fellowship has been sweet. Rev. Warren Steward, my old partner in revival campaigns, has led the singing. I close tomorrow night, drive 200 miles to Minneapolis, then fly home to Chicago, hoping to arrive at 8:25 A.M., and to get out to Wheaton for a big day's work. A few days at home, and then I go, God willing, to Moncton, New Brunswick, for a city-wide campaign.

That \$1,000 Sermon Contest

We are getting a good many sermons already in the \$1,000 sermon contest recently announced in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are to pay \$250 for the first-prize sermon, \$100 each for the second, third, and fourth prize sermons, and the nine next best sermons are to get \$50 each for the authors. Sermons should be addressed primarily to the unsaved, though they need not necessarily be directly on the plan of salvation. Sermons intended to produce conviction, to answer objections, to prove that men are sinners, to make plain the plan of salvation, or to move the heart and will to decision, are in order. Manuscripts must be in by December 1. Only original sermons (not copied from others), not previously published, are eligible. Preachers may turn in more than one sermon. We hope that the best preachers will take part in this strong effort we are making to emphasize Bible preaching and to encourage preachers to preach to the unsaved.

If you are interested, write for mimeographed instructions and rules for the sermon contest. Write the Editor, Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

A Timothy, an Eli-sha, a Torrey Wanted!

The Apostle Paul took young Timothy with him to write his letters, to be as a son to him, and taught Timothy to be a great preacher. He later became pastor of Ephesus. And Elijah, the prophet, put his mantle upon Elisha, who came to be his body servant and later to be a prophet in Israel. D. L. Moody was greatly helped in his work by Dr. R. A. Torrey who established Moody Bible Institute, developed the Bible institute curriculum, was pastor of famous Moody Memorial Church, and went round the world as a tremendous evangelist himself. Almost every greatly-used man of

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Bible Lands Cruise Scheduled for Spring of 1953

Dr. Joseph P. Free, professor of archaeology at Wheaton College (Illinois), has announced that the Sixth Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise will sail from New York on February 18, 1953, aboard the new Italian liner, S. S. Andrea Doria.

With headquarters at Jerusalem, trips will be made to Bethlehem, Hebron, Samaria, Jacob's Well, and the other important Biblical sites of Palestine. The group will make a special visit to the new excavations at Jericho, which have uncovered new evidence of man's activity in the period between 3000 and 4000 B. C.

The trip, open to Christians of all ages, will include the significant cities in the other Bible lands, with sightseeing in Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Arab Palestine, Israeli Palestine, and optional side trips to other Mediterranean and European countries. For additional information write: Dr. Joseph P. Free, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.



Dr. Joseph P. Free

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The ministry of The Big Brother Tract Band, headquarters at Akron, Ohio, is a unique ministry, combining the use of individual letters, tracts and personal visitation. It operates on the following plan:

1. Earnest Christians are invited to supply the names of unsaved loved ones and friends.
2. Those whose names are supplied receive each month a personal letter, a gospel tract and a companion blotter.
3. After six monthly mailings, the director or one of the missionaries calls on the individual who received the letters to determine their interest. Those not interested are dropped. Those interested are kept on the list and are invited twice a year until they confess Christ, or definitely reject Him. These calls are made anywhere in the United States or Canada.

The one who supplies the name for the mailing list is called a sponsor. His name is never revealed, either by mail or during the calls, until the person accepts the Lord. The sponsor receives copies of all correspondence, and pays the cost of the mailing, which is \$5.00 per year per name.

"While the charge to the sponsor does not begin to meet the expense of the ministry," says Rev. Bruce Dodd, Director, "it means that those who submit names supply only names of those for whom they have a definite burden."

According to Brother Dodd, there is a wonderfully high percentage of affirmative responses to this mailing ministry. He invites those who are interested to write for further information. Address:

The Big Brother Tract Band
Box 888
Akron 8, Ohio

Rev. Ralph E. Mucher, for some time field secretary of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, on September 23 was elected vice-president and director of public relations for the Buffalo (N.Y.) Bible Institute. We wish our dear brother great success in the work he is now accepting. It is a responsible position, and we trust that he will find it very pleasant and fruitful in the Lord's work. We are happy to commend this useful and devoted Christian man.



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Christmas Pageant

THE BIBLE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, WITH PARTS BY THE SHEPHERDS, THE INN-KEEPER, MARY, JOSEPH, HEROD, THE WISE MEN, AND OTHERS, PRESENTED IN DRAMA FORM AS USED IN GALILEAN BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS, TEXAS, 1937.

SCENE I

The Angel Appears to Mary

(Mary sits alone reading a script of Old Testament. Has been reading promises about the coming Messiah. The room is plain—one chair or stool, perhaps a table, a candle.)

HERALD READS: Genesis 3:15—"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Isaiah 7:14—"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 9:6, 7—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

(Mary reads scroll quietly for little time.)

MARY: Some woman must bear the Messiah. Oh that I were worthy!

HERALD READS: Luke 1:26, 27—"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary."

(The angel appears)

ANGEL: Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

MARY (Startled and troubled. Aside): I, highly favored, blessed among women? What can he mean?

ANGEL: FEAR NOT, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

MARY: How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? I have no husband!

ANGEL: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

MARY (Awestruck and breathless): Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

(The angel leaves)

(Mary stands, face uplifted, praying softly.)

MARY: Praise God! Praise God! I to be the mother of the Saviour! My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath

helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our father, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

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SCENE II

Gabriel Appears to Joseph

(Scene: a simple room with a couch or cot properly covered. A very plain room)

HERALD READS: Matthew 1:18, 19, 20—"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily."

(Scene opens with Joseph walking back and forth, very sad. Sighs deeply, shakes his head in sorrow.)

JOSEPH: I cannot accuse Mary publicly. I cannot! To see her stoned and dead as an adulteress? I cannot! And yet she is with child. Well, I must rest. My God will show me what to do. (He lies on the couch: After a pause:) I suppose I must put her away privately... Who could have led her astray? O Mary! Mary! (Covers his face with his hands. Gradually becomes quiet and sleeps.)

HERALD READS: But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream—

(The angel appears)

ANGEL: Joseph! thou son of David! (Joseph hearing and seeing in a dream raises on one elbow and listens intently but does not look at angel.) Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

HERALD READS: Matthew 1:22-25—"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son; and he called his name JESUS."

(Joseph arises, his face lighted with joy.)

JOSEPH: It was the angel of God! Mary is pure! My sweetheart Mary! So SHE is the virgin who is to bear the Saviour, the Son of God! I will take her to my home and guard her tenderly until the Messiah is born. And I will call Him JESUS, as the angel said. Praise God! He will be our Saviour! And then dear Mary will become my wife. Thank God! Thank God!

SCENE III

Joseph and Mary Come To Bethlehem

HERALD READS: LUKE 2:1-7: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should

be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

Song: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Joseph and Mary appear in the back of the tabernacle at the east front door. Joseph leads a donkey, or better, walks beside him. Mary rides. Mary seems very, very tired. When they are about half way down the aisle Mary speaks.)

[THIS PAGEANT WAS PLANNED WITH INTENTION OF IT BEING GIVEN AT THE FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST TABERNACLE IN DALLAS. SOME CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE WHEN GIVEN IN OTHER BUILDINGS REGARDING ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING, ETC.]

MARY: Joseph, I am so tired. Can't we get a room anywhere?

JOSEPH: Be patient, dear Mary. The prophet has foretold that the Saviour must be born here in Bethlehem. God will provide a place. There is one more inn. We will try there.

(They come down the aisle to the door leading to Sunday School section. [AS STATED BEFORE—CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO FIT BUILDING].

Above this door is the name BETHLEHEM INN. Joseph knocks. The innkeeper comes to the door carrying a light.)

INNKEEPER: Well, what is it? JOSEPH: Peace, Brother. Do you have a room?

INNKEEPER: The place is full. Not a room is left. You will have to go elsewhere.

JOSEPH: But Mary must have a room. You see her condition. I am Joseph of Nazareth in Galilee. We are of the house and lineage of David and Caesar Augustus, the emperor at Rome, has demanded that we come here to the city of David to register for taxation. We must have shelter for the night.

MARY: Please, Sir, any place will do.

INNKEEPER: I tell you, we have no place. Not a room. —Wait. Would you sleep in the stable? There is a stall and some hay.

MARY (to Joseph): Tell him yes, Joseph. We must have rest.

JOSEPH: If we can do no better, we will take it and thank God.

INNKEEPER: Come through the courtyard, then, this way and I will show you the stable.

(Exit through door into S.S. section.)

Song: "No Room For Jesus," by chorus, duet or quartet.

Song: "Is Christ Crowded Out," by chorus, duet, or quartet.

SCENE IV

Angels Appear to the Shepherds

(Shepherds—any number from four to twenty—gather around the campfire made of a red electric globe under a pile of sticks. Shepherds are seated as curtains open.)

HERALD READS: Luke 2:8—"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

FIRST SHEPHERD: Our flocks lie resting quietly in the valley. They have no fear. And my brothers, even so, we need have no fear as our King David said, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul."

SECOND SHEPHERD: Yes, and I feel that the coming of the Shepherd of Israel, our Messiah, is near. So long the prophets have foretold it. I long to see Him.

THIRD SHEPHERD: One of the scribes at the temple told me that according to the Prophet Daniel

the time is fulfilled for the Messiah, the Prince.

FIRST SHEPHERD: Do you remember godly Simeon in Jerusalem? He is just and devout and waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost is upon him. Simeon told me that it was revealed to him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Simeon is old. It must be soon. Brothers, it must be soon!

(All sit quietly in meditation.)

HERALD READS: Luke 2:9—"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

(Angel Gabriel appears.) Brilliant spotlight upon him. Shepherds greatly afraid. Some scramble to their feet. All listen earnestly to the angel.)

ANGEL: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

(Suddenly other angels begin singing, coming rapidly from upstairs—[plans to be changed to suit building] onto the stage.)

ANGELS SING: "Glory to God in the highest,

Peace and glad tidings on earth"

from "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Song: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

(Lights go down, angels leave. Then quiet.)

FIRST SHEPHERD: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us.

OTHER SHEPHERDS: Yes, I believe it.

SECOND SHEPHERD: Let's go see the Saviour.

ANOTHER SHEPHERD: Yes, He is Christ our Lord. Let's go see Him.

(Rapidly they disperse to go to Bethlehem.)

Curtain

(Between scenes Chorus sings:

"Silent Night"

"Away in a Manger"

or some suitable Christmas song.

SCENE V

Stable Scene

(Mary lies on a couch of straw. Very plain. Joseph sits or stands nearby. The baby Jesus is in a manger wrapped in white cloth. He is lying on the hay. Donkey is near-by if possible. If other animals near, it would be better. Wood or manger should be dark and old. A candle or two might give light.)

Song: "Away in a Manger."

MARY: Joseph, my baby is born, the Son of God. He will rule on the throne of His father David, as the angel said to me. But first He must die for the sins of the world. He is the Seed of the woman which we have looked for and the Son of God, as the Prophet Esaias foretold.

JOSEPH: Yes, He is not my child, but He is my Saviour.

(Shepherds enter joyfully and gladly, reverently.)

FIRST SHEPHERD: We came to see the Saviour, our King.

SECOND SHEPHERD: An angel appeared to us in the field and told us that this day the Saviour was born. It was glad tidings!

THIRD SHEPHERD: Yes, we believed it, so we have come to see the new-born Saviour and King. And it is even as the angel said. He is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

(Shepherds approach the manger reverently, slowly and gather on each side. Leave room for the audience to see the baby. All must bare their heads if they have any headgear.)

Curtain

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

SCENE VI

The Wise Men Come to Herod at Jerusalem

HERALD READS: Matthew 2:1, 2—"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he

that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

(Herod seated upon throne. Throne is a large straight arm chair richly draped, mounted on dais. Should have two soldiers with short tunics on, sandals, with helmets and long spears. One soldier on each side of the throne.) (A Chamberlain enters, bows before Herod.)

HEROD: What now, Chamberlain? CHAMBERLAIN: Three princes of great rank and wealth from the east country await without.

HEROD (Musing): From the east. They must come from ancient Babylon. Though Rome rules the world, Babylon still has wisdom. (To chamberlain): Bring them in. (Chamberlain bows and departs) HERALD continues: What can bring them here? For days I have had an uneasy feeling. These pestiferous Jews are always seeking an excuse to rebel against Rome. (Wise men enter. Bow or nod very dignified.)

FIRST WISE MAN: My lord, where is he that is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him.

HEROD (greatly troubled and excited. Aside): The King of the Jews? But I am king of the Jews. I have heard these Jews talk of their coming King and Messiah.

HEROD (to the Wise Men): If the King of the Jews is born, it may be the scribes from their ancient writings can tell us where. (Calls chamberlain) Ho! Chamberlain. (Chamberlain enters.)

HEROD (to chamberlain): Quickly bring me some of the scribes and chief priests.

CHAMBERLAIN: Sir, they already await without with their scrolls of Scripture, awaiting to speak with thee of some question concerning their law.

HEROD: Bring them in.

CHAMBERLAIN goes and quickly calls: Ho! Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Gamaliel and Simon. Herod would speak with thee.

(Scribes enter, one carrying a scroll or a roll of handwritten Scriptures.)

HEROD (to scribes): Rabbi Hillel, here are wise men from the east coming to worship the King of the Jews whom they say is now born.

FIRST WISE MAN: We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.

SECOND WISE MAN: We seek the Messiah, the Prince, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, that great Daniel of your people who was a captive in Babylon and left us his prophecy written in Chaldaic.

THIRD WISE MAN: The Angel Gabriel said to this prophet Daniel, "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks." These sixty-nine weeks of years, 483 years, have been fulfilled since King Cyrus gave the command to restore and build Jerusalem after the captivity. The time is at hand. The King of the Jews must be born. We have seen His star in the east and are come to the palace of your king to find the young Prince, the Messiah, who is born to make reconciliation for sin and to restore Israel.

HEROD (addressing Scribes): Hillel, Gamaliel, Rabbis, where is this Christ to be born?

HILLIEL: Sir, he must be born in Bethlehem, for here in Micah the prophet it is written (finding the place reads): "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

HEROD: In Bethlehem, eh? You may go, Rabbis.

(Rabbis file out)

HEROD (continues to wise men): Go then to Bethlehem and find your King of the Jews. When you have found Him, bring me word that I may come also and worship Him.

(Wise Men depart. As they go, Herod arises from his throne.)

HEROD: (fiercely): A new King of the Jews, eh? I will send my soldiers to kill Him when the wise

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

In the Evangelist Campaign of the Eastern Section of Birmingham, Alabama, EVANGELIST EDDIE MARTIN reports over 800 conversions in the four weeks of services. Over 20 Baptist Churches cooperated in the revival effort which was attended by estimated crowds of 2,600 people and up to 4,500 in the Sunday evening meetings. On the final Saturday night, the head football coach of Phillips High School made his decision for Christ. With him, over fifteen members of the football team, with their girl friends, made their way down the aisle to be saved. Brother Martin concluded the Texarkana, (Texas-Arkansas) Baptist Evangelistic Campaign, October 12. A more complete report will follow.

Rev. W. L. Murdaugh, Pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, writes telling of the revival conducted in the church with EVANGELIST DAN VESTAL of Fort Worth, Texas. He says: "Good crowds attended every service and the last Sunday night the largest crowd ever to assemble in this church came. Many were turned away... The visible results were: 14 baptisms; 4 approved to be baptized

later; 6 professions of faith; 16 restored."

Sword Staff EVANGELIST JOE B. RICE concluded a two weeks' campaign in the Prairie Flower Baptist Church, Washington, Iowa, September 21. Pastor Homer F. Kirchner says: "Three souls came to the Lord and the Christians in the church were greatly revived. I would heartily recommend, as would the members of our church, Joe B. Rice for revival..."

The Eloise Baptist Church, Eloise, Florida, was engaged in two weeks of revival services with EVANGELIST E. G. CARTER, Jacksonville, Florida. There were many rededications, 36 professions of faith and 2 additions by letter. Rev. Cecil M. Peacock is the pastor.

EVANGELIST RUDOLPH Q. HARVEY, Waco, Texas, conducted a revival in the Memorial Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. There were 21 additions to the church. "He greatly endeared the hearts of all our people. Any church desiring a good revival will not go wrong in having Rev. Harvey," says Pastor A. Myers.

Christ and the Sinful Woman

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know that the happening might have been otherwise, and to me was given the choice. When I seek to label my sin as 'infirmity' my soul rejects the same in a consuming sense of shame." And Jowett is right. Sin, as the Apostle put it, is "exceeding sinful". Primarily it is a self-wrong. Mrs. Sims, the society woman who was converted from the polite gambling of bridgework and related behavior, says, with reference to her former course, "I not only lost my money but my self-respect. I felt that my character was going." What greater loss can one sustain?

I have heard of a young woman who attempted to defend her attendance at places of very doubtful amusements by saying, "I think a Christian can go anywhere." "Certainly she can," replied her friend, "but I am reminded of a little incident that occurred when, with a party of friends, I was going down into one of the mines. One of the young girls appeared clad in a white dress. When some of the party remonstrated with her for wearing it, she appealed to the old miner who was to conduct the party, asking if she could not wear a white dress into the mine. 'Yes, Ma'am, there is nothing

to keep you from wearing a white frock down, but there will be a good deal to keep you from wearing one back." And when once white is soiled it is not easy to remove the stain whether it be on a woman's dress or a woman's soul; and there is scarce a sin of which a woman is capable, which stains her more deeply than that which the woman of the text was charged. Someone has written very truthfully:

"Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumphs or defeat."

It was a crime against society. Society has always been compelled to so regard this sin, and the state that does not both legislate against it, and then execute its laws, is doomed. This was the sin that wrecked Rome; it was the moral gangrene of this sin that made for the death of Greece; and today governments of the world, without exception, are threatened by the social vice as by no other iniquity, the accursed saloon evil not excepted. The intense hatred of this iniquity felt by the Puritans is past. The fallen woman is no longer compelled to walk the streets with a scarlet letter blazing her shame to every onlooker; nor does she take her place on the block and suffer stripes for the same.

And yet, common as is the transgression of the seventh commandment, society looks with disfavor upon the known guilty; and, in America at least, and most of the states of Europe, the statutes speak against it in no uncertain terms, and every man who takes the oath of office and is in position of considerable power in village, city or commonwealth, pledges his opposition to this iniquity. And yet how easy some of these same officials forget that oath!

What the mayor of a city can do by way of deterring adultery was shown in Philadelphia when Weaver held that office in the Quaker City. It was illustrated in Denver just a year ago when forty young women, supposed to have good reputations, were pulled out of wine-rooms in one evening and sent weeping to the lockup at the order of chief of police, Delaney. The morals of Minneapolis in this matter are absolutely in the hands of its mayor. The moment he gives an order to raid the houses of ill fame, and the institutions that, under the names

West African Native Likes Sword



I was glad to have a letter some time ago from James O. A. Shoga, a Christian native in Nigeria, British West Africa. He writes a good hand in English and this is what he said:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I am so glad when I received the newspaper, which you sent to me recently (January copy.) I am so pleased to inform you that the paper of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a very good paper for all Christian fellow."

"Kindly try to send it to me continuously."

"God bless you."

"Yours in the Saviour's name,"

(Signed) James O. A. Shoga

Here is a Christian native who reads English. He begs for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Communism is trying hard to enlist all the natives of Africa and India. Shall we not be as anxious to teach these people the truth and to develop them as good Christians, as communists are to deprave them and enlist them in Marx's atheism and communism? We are sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD through our Minister and Missionary's Fund. We have many such calls. Do you want to help? If so, send your gift to the Minister and Missionary's Subscription Fund, Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

of hotels, are known to be nothing other than places of assignation, the wine-room saloons, that in plain violation of the law, are producing social havoc, he could gather in one night hundreds of offenders, and fling into thousands of others a scare from which they would not recover in six months. If I had such a power at my command, not for all the money in the banks of Minneapolis would I fail in the execution of it. The wrecked lives, the broken hearts, the destroyed homes—these would haunt me whether asleep or awake if I did not seek to end it.

I read a little while ago a letter from one of our ministers, published in a leading magazine, describing a Chinese scene. A great crowd is on the river bank. In the center two men are holding a pole across their shoulders to which a scale is attached, and on it a girl is being weighed. The man at the scale is shouting, "What will you give for her?" And an old woman—a very hag—answers, "6p. per pound." "What," says the auctioneer, "only 6p.? Look; she is plump; she has on good clothes and bracelets thrown in." "What is the good of bracelets and such trash to me," replies the old woman. "I want her." In the end 6p., ½ penny a pound, is agreed upon, and she is actually sold at 1 pound 10s 3d by weight, to be sent away to Canton to be sold again for 5 pound. What for? The end is unmentionable but perfectly understood; and the benign officials of China, who are talking eloquently about forbidding the exporting of cattle for fear of impoverishing the country, are making no mention whatever lest the sale of the souls of girls should doom and damn it forever. And in the average city of America, the men in the places of authority behave but little better than these Chinese politicians. And adultery, society's most undermining sin—the modern leprosy of the individual life, goes unchecked and almost unrebuked.

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"The Unity School of Christianity"

By H. A. Ironside, Litt.D.

The test of any system is its teaching as to Christ. If wrong as to Him, we may be sure the entire body of doctrine is unscriptural. When this standard of judgment is applied to what is known as "The Unity School of Christianity," fostered originally by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fillmore, and now advocated by many thousands of health and prosperity seekers, it proves to be as truly opposed to real Biblical Christianity as any heresy referred to in this volume. To the Unity people the true Christ of God is unknown. According to them, Jesus was a man of unusual spiritual insight and abandonment to the will of God. The Christ is the cosmic spirit of the Universe, the Deity, which abode in Him and dwells in every man, and even in every creature. The Christ is in fact the universal life. The system is thoroughly pantheistic.

They teach that the term "Unity" refers, not as naturally might be supposed, to the unity of the Godhead, but to the unity of all life with the one life, the divine. Jesus apprehended this in the fullest sense, hence He could say, "I and My Father are One." Every enlightened person can say the same. Jesus was a son of God in the same sense that all are sons of God: the divine was within Him as in all of us.

Unlike Eddyism, or so-called Christian Science, with which it practically agrees as to Christ, the Unity School admits the reality of the body and its ills, but insists that the recognition of one's own deity gives deliverance from sickness, infirmity and distress of every kind. Testimonials are adduced in abundance, of sick people who became well through constant insistence on their own deity, of those who for years struggled with poverty, who became wealthy because of their recognition of their invincibility as divinely able to do all things through the recognition of this inward being, and so to conquer opposing forces.

Unity uses Biblical terms with unbiblical meaning and hence is likely to deceive the very elect. It speaks of sin, redemption and atonement, but none of these words mean to the adherents of this school what they meant to the inspired writers of the Holy Scriptures. According to "Unity," sin is ignorance. Redemption is accomplished by the recognition of one's own divinity. Atonement is the result of this—the at-oneness with God that enables a man to say, "I am that I am. I am infinite love, infinite power, infinite goodness. I deny all evil and all that makes for poverty and illness or other evils."

The devotees are taught to repeat over and over certain formulas such as, "I am that I am. I am Spirit. I am Life. I am the Christ. I know no evil. I deny all sin and sickness. I have all power. I am God manifest in the flesh." The constant reiteration of these blasphemies until they become an obsession gives a sense of superiority to the ordinary ills that flesh is heir to which makes for cheerfulness and peace of mind—albeit a false peace—that enables one to triumph to a great extent over an inferiority complex or a depressed state of mind, which is readily mistaken for miraculous or divine healing.

But, needless to say, all this is the very antithesis to the scriptural teaching which insists that there can be no unity between a holy God and sinful men till regeneration and justification by grace. And even then the saved man does not become part of God, but is a partaker of the divine nature imparted only when he believes the gospel, so that he becomes a child of God by a second birth and a son of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

A more careful examination of the Unity cult shows it to be a conglomeration of ancient errors presented to modern seekers after truth as a new and attractive discovery. In addition to its gnostic ideas as to Christ and Jesus, it is theosophical in that it teaches the Hindu doctrine of reincarnation. Through many earth lives the soul is supposed to be struggling upward to attain eternal rest. How different this is to the glorious truth of the gospel that through the one offering of our Lord Jesus Christ the believer is justified from all things and perfected forever in the sight of God because "He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." Contrast with this the frank statement of the author of a little tract sent out from the Unity headquarters, entitled, "The Origin and Growth of the Unity Movement." "Unity has been called Theosophy because it admits the necessity of reincarnation to the end that every soul may have opportunity to overcome its weaknesses and finally attain the Christ standard for man."

This is a complete denial of the gospel of the grace of God. It is salvation by enlightenment and by human merit, and leaves no place for the true propitiatory work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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and social activities for students. The church is in close co-operation with the Illini Christian Fellowship, local chapter of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The church is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Rev. J. Kenneth Nielsen is pastor.

Those having loved ones or friends in the University of Illinois should notify them of the work of this fine Bible-believing church where they will find spiritual help and will not be led into modernism or sin.

Christ and the Sinful Woman

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'Lord, incline our hearts to keep these laws.' Those Ten Commandments are all gone now! The critics have clearly shown that the Bible has no authority. All that old belief about an inspired Book is successfully disputed and is past." "So?" replied the vicar, "I declare that is good! I badly want a pair of new shoes, and that pair there are just my size," and instantly picking them up, he walked away. Why not, if God never said, "Thou shalt not steal"?

Ah, you men who boast that you are hard-headed business men, and that the old system of theology does not appeal to you, let me tell you that you could not be in business for two hours tomorrow morning if it were not for God's divine law. At the store you would be robbed. In your own home wife and daughters would be despoiled. Abroad men would lie to you until you should not know what to depend upon; or, coveting your portion, strike you down and leave you to die in your own blood while they rifled your pockets. Remember that when one commits a crime against God's law he involves himself in destruction and disorganizes society and destroys the state. Such was this woman's sin!

The Woman's Critics

"And the scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst, they say unto him, Teacher, this woman hath been taken in adultery, in the very act. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such: what then sayest thou of her?" (John 8:3-5, R.V.)

They criticized in unsparing speech. They use the darkest word known to their tongue with which to tell the Lord of her iniquity. They waited until Jesus was in the Temple and was thronged on every side and had sat down to teach, and then they dragged this unwilling subject before His righteous eyes and into the midst of the multitude. It may be bad enough for a sinner to fall into the hands of an angry God; it seems to be worse for one to fall into the hands of fellowmen. The Bible enjoins upon us to confess our faults one to another; we seem to have the custom of translating it into, "Confess the faults of one another." The story goes that a gentleman, thinking to discover the particular denomination of a little girl's church without the direct question, asked her, "What do they do in your church, my dear?" "Please, sir," she replied, "they confess one another's faults"—an answer which left him at sea as to the particular denomination to which she belonged; and I want to tell you that outside of the church the speech of critics is more unsparing still.

I have no doubt that the scribes and the Pharisees were about as well behaved as any people of their time, but they took particular pleasure in parading the iniquities of others, under the impression, doubtless, that they were thereby proving their own righteousness. It is a false impression. A gentleman, riding on top of a jaunting car in Dublin some years ago, says he looked and saw on a building the words, "Post no ills." Doubtless at one time it had read, "Post no bills," but some mischievous boy had rubbed out the "b" and made it read now, "Post no ills." The boy had improved it. There are all too many people that are engaged in the

business of posting the "ills" of others. As this writer says, "One would sometimes almost think that the Master's command to 'Love one another!' was now to be translated 'Label one another!'"

They criticized in unsympathetic spirit. "This woman hath been taken in adultery, in the very act." There was not a suggestion of sympathy in the direful indictment. God forbid that I should say one word that condones sin; but on the other hand, let me remind you that God has reserved the right of pronouncing final sentence upon the same. And the man who goes into God's temple and thanks God that he is not a sinner, and looks with contempt upon some offending publican whose vices are not denied, is not justified. His hard spirit and his Pharisaical statements are as offensive in God's sight as is violation of the moral law. There is a legend of two saints in the Greek church—Cassianus, a type of monastic asceticism, and St. Nicholas, the type of a genial, unselfish Christianity. When St. Cassianus enters Heaven and Christ says to him, "What hast thou seen on earth, Cassianus?" he replies, "I saw a peasant floundering with his wagon in a marsh." "Didst thou help him?" "No." "Why not," asks the Master. "I was coming before Thee," said Cassianus, "and I was afraid of soiling my white robes." Then St. Nicholas enters Heaven all covered with mud and mire. "Why so stained and soiled, St. Nicholas?" asks the Master. "I saw a peasant floundering in a marsh, and I put my shoulder to the wheel and helped him out," he makes answer. "Blessed art thou! Thou didst well! Thou didst better than Cassianus!" says the Lord. It is only the parable of the Good Samaritan repeated in another form, and it is well for us to remember that that parable originally passed the lips of Christ. Frederick W. Faber once wrote:

"Time was when I believed that wrong
In others to detect,
Was part of genius, and a gift
To cherish, not reject.

"Now better taught by Thee, O Lord,
Make me all light within,
Self-hating and compassionate,
And blind to others' sin!"

They demanded the severest penalty—death. "Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such: what then sayest thou of her? And this they said, trying him, that they might have whereof to accuse him" (John 8:5, 6 R.V.). It is a good thing that the interests of sinners are with God rather than with their fellow offenders. Not that God ever condones sin. As Campbell Morgan once said, "The severity of the law of God is the necessary sequence of His infinite love." To condone sin in any way or excuse it would be to make impossible the realization of God's own purpose, namely, the perfection of every human being. And yet the God who is just is also compassionate. That is the ground of the sinner's hope. A. J. Gordon once said, "I have long ceased to pray, 'Jesus have compassion on a lost world.' I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, 'I have had compassion on a lost world and now it is time for

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you to have compassion. I have given My heart; now give your heart."

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The Woman's Christ

His reply is not all in words. It is partly in deeds. What Jesus did was as great as what Jesus said.

He shielded her from unnecessary shame. "Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground." His holy eyes could have pierced her soul through; that is why He turned them away. The sight of a sinful woman is the revelation of the character of the onlooker. The wicked stare at her, particularly if her iniquity has been exposed. The righteous turn their faces away, seeking to save

her from further humility and shame. Herein the righteous are like their Christ. Augustine once wrote, "When a man uncovers his sin, then God covers it." The unrighteous are eager to know the particulars of her iniquity. The righteous are so absorbed with compassion that they despise the prurient questions as to when, with whom, and where this sin was committed. We are told that when Elizabeth Fry visited Newgate Prison in London, where the women were packed in one room like cattle, without any attention to sanitation, she was much interested in a girl who had committed a terrible crime. When a woman asked her what crime the girl had committed, Elizabeth Fry declared, "I do not know; I never asked." All that she wanted to

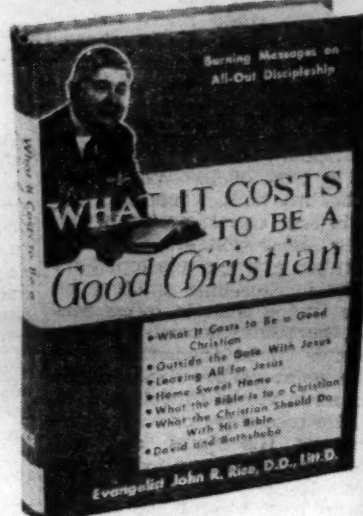
know was that this poor, unfortunate girl had made a mistake, and that she needed love to heal the wound and help her to reform. I do not know of any touch in the Scriptures that makes me love Christ more than this that makes Him turn away His eyes from this woman, engaging Himself by writing in the sand, instead of humiliating her by fixing His gaze upon her. Oh, sinner, Christ is doing His utmost to shield you from unnecessary shame!

Mark again, Christ suggests equal codes for the sexes. "But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (John 8:7 R.V.). Up

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This Book Free!

This big, beautifully-bound book of 223 pages, *What It Costs to Be a Good Christian*, is the twentieth large volume (besides many pamphlets) from the pen of Dr. John R. Rice, evangelist, and editor of *The Sword of the Lord*. You may have this big volume on all-out discipleship, burning messages to transform the lives of Christians, absolutely free by sending three one-year subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord* for \$5 (or one 3-year subscription). The subscriptions may be new or renewal, but please mark for renewal subscriptions "renewal," to save duplication and delay.



What Brilliant Young University President Says:

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Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

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Plan Your Christmas Program Now!

By Fairy Shappard, Personnel Director

The magazine article I was reading started off:

"Preparation for Christmas, 1952, started at least seven years ago . . .

"...when the six foot tree you'll decorate was planted. And today, hundreds of people in dozens of industries are completing plans for your holiday:

"—your Christmas cards were designed 18 months ago . . .

"—your Christmas turkey, a poult now, was an egg in May . . .

"—the children's toys you'll have so much fun buying at the last minute were ordered in March . . .

I read no further; I was thinking about your Christmas program, wondering whether you had made plans and whether you had started carrying out those plans. If you have, good for you! If not, time's a wastin', I'd say, 'till you do get started. Pray about it, and begin today!

The first thing is to decide what kind of program you are going to have. I suggest that you read the pageant printed elsewhere in this

paper. I remember the Christmas Dr. Rice wrote it and how moved and blessed was the great congregation that viewed it that first night in the big tabernacle at Dallas, Texas. If at all possible, I hope you will put the pageant on in your own church. The best way, of course, will be to put it on in the usual way, with each character learning his own part.

If your local church set-up is not conducive to presenting the pageant on such a large scale, you might do one of two things:

a) Use your own local people in still scenes, with costumes and special lighting while narrator gives the actual wording of the pageant.

b) Use slides to represent the different scenes while the narrator speaks the parts.

Whether you use the pageant or plan some other type of Christmas program, we can give you suggestions regarding slides, sound Christian movies, special music and program planning. Address: Miss Fairy Shappard, SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois.

Christ and the Sinful Woman

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to that time men had not supposed that they were to answer for their conduct as surely as a woman; did not imagine that their sin was just as shameful as hers. When they told Judah that Tamar had sinned and was with child, he got the stake ready for her at once; but when she showed him his rings and bracelets, given in exchange for her virtue, while he consented to let her off, he never said a word of self-condemnation. I know men today who spend a part of their time with harlots, but who, when they appear in the social circles, would spurn a sister who was known to have taken a single misstep. They actually believe that adultery on the part of a man is to be condoned, but when committed by a woman is to be condemned even to the point of her social death. With such views Christ had no part. He rose superior to the prejudices of His times, and pronounced righteousness for all centuries; He put the sexes on a common level. And I say tonight to the man who in the past has transgressed the seventh commandment, that you have no more moral right to offer your hand in marriage to a pure woman, than the harlot of yonder streets has the right to expect to be courted and married by the wholesome man. "In Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female," and "God is no respecter of persons."

But one thing more—He pronounced absolution for her sin. There is a remarkable touch in this Scripture. After having looked upon her accusers, it is said, "And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground." I think He was so compassionate as to also pity men. He knew that every scribe and Pharisee before Him was a sinner. Having brought His indictment to that effect, He could have burned it in by having looked them through with eyes that were as flames of fire. But even then He would not unnecessarily embarrass, and so He bowed Himself toward the earth and let them deal directly with God in the secret chamber of the soul. And in this chamber, they were condemned and

"They, when they heard it, went out one by one, beginning from the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst. And Jesus lifted up himself, and said unto her, Woman, where are they? did no man condemn thee? And she said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said, Neither do I condemn thee: go thy way; from henceforth sin no more" (John 8:9-11 R.V.).

Oh, what a wonderful Saviour! It was His law she had transgressed; He had a right to condemn. It was against His holiness she had offended; He had a right to be grieved. "Judgment be-

longeth unto him"; He had a right to pronounce it. The sentence of death is with Him, and with Him alone; He might have spoken it! But doubtless, back of the burning cheeks, He knew there was a penitent heart; 'neath the shame with which she was clothed, He understood there was a great sense of sin, and no penitent sinner ever yet came to Christ to be either put away or to receive the sentence of death. Compassion, rather, is His common conduct. Absolution from sin is the speech in which He most delights. The helpless condition of humanity is the surest appeal to the heart of the Son of God.

We have read the story of that Russian officer who could not make his accounts come right. There was a heavy balance against him. In the rigid court of the empire he feared the consequences; could he not somehow make it up? Pouring over the figures until midnight, weary and despondent, he finally began to scribble and wrote on the paper before him, "Who will make up this difference?" And then, exhausted, he fell asleep. The Czar, passing through the room and wondering what the officer was doing, came and looked over his shoulder. Reading the words, he picked up the paper and wrote, "I, even I, Alexander." Ah, for the bankrupt soul it is our only hope that the Emperor Himself, even Christ, will meet the debt. Paul faced it in the seventh chapter of Romans, and after having finished the catalogue of sins, breaks into the piteous appeal, "Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24, R.V.) to answer it in a few seconds by faith, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." That was his one and his only hope.

To be saved from sin is a great work. To be enjoined to "sin no more," shows the expectation of Christ. And yet He, knowing our weakness, promises assistance. Men say to me, "We are afraid to begin lest we cannot hold out," but Christ answers, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Men say, "But the old sins have so weakened and scarred us that we cannot hope to recover." Remember the words of Peter, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ hath made thee whole." He is able! Aye, He is willing! Aye, His work is a scientific demonstration of His power to remove from sin and to recover from scars!

Some of you know the story of Burke, the ex-burglar. When he gave himself to Christ, his pastor recorded that so bad was he that for months he was without employment, suffering shame and sorrow. But he kept bravely on until by and by somebody sympathized with and lent him assistance. Mr. Moody, telling the story, says, "His sin-blurred features were against him, and he one day cried out in prayer, 'Oh, make me a better looking man that I

PREACHING - POWER - PROMOTION

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
Minister of Revival Promotion,
Sword of the Lord Foundation

Last Week

We come to the last week of October.

(1) Have you sent in your \$31—\$1 per day, 31 days, this month? This is for the Building fund! This project is NOW a MUST with us! (2) Have you made some money in some special way? Have you sent it in on the Building fund? How did you make it? We look for some interesting stories at this point. Doxology!

November

November is Thanksgiving month. Everybody is to make a special thank offering to the Building fund this next month for some blessing received. Doxology! Has God blessed you?

December

Special Christmas stockings will be mailed out soon for use in building up a Christmas love offering for Christ through the Building fund. Doxology!

November 1st

As November 1st faces us, we are reminded of the fact that we MUST have another \$5,000 CASH for the note due on our intermediate building. We count on your help!

New Book

Dr. Rice's new book, *What It Costs to be a Good Christian*, is one of his very best. You will want a copy for yourself. You will want to present copies to family members and friends. The truth of this book goes to the heart of Christian living!

Westward Ho!

With Dr. Rice, Walt Handford, Allan MacMullen and I had delightful fellowship on a trip to Wyoming and Colorado. On Sunday Dr. Rice and I preached the Word to "packed houses" at the Baptist Church in Powell, Wyoming, Rev. Joe Wiens, pastor. A delightful fellowship. Decisions were made. They fed us on elk meat, mountain trout, and other specials.

Brother Ray Cyphers, President of the Christian Sportsman Association, planned a big game hunt for us—a la bear, deer and elk. The last named was all we could corral with the help of guide extraordinary, Marvin Bodle—result, three elk. Sam Scruggs was also with us for the full time of the camp—8 miles up the mountain, against Yellowstone Park. I was particularly glad Dr. Rice could get some relaxation from his terrific load for that little while.

I came back via Denver and Grand Junction, Colorado, speaking to the Conservative pastors at Denver, and two fine congregations in Faith Baptist Church at Grand Junction, Rev. Virgil Horton, pastor. I found Ed Nelson doing a fine work. We visited Beth-Eden Baptist Church, where the Sword of the Lord conference on revival is to be held, November 9-16. It meets in a very lovely and large auditorium. Dr. Bradford, pastor, introduced us to his several staff members. Secretary Lee Long was considerate. As a matter of fact, every one was Christian—that is enough! Doxology!

may get a job!" Moody says, "You may smile at the prayer, but I bless God that he made it, for after a time that very man Burke was as fine a looking fellow as could be seen in Chicago, and I cannot help thinking," said the great evangelist, "that it was the Lord Himself who did, in answer to the childlike faith of the man, answer his petition." It was during those days of hardship that Burke kept steadily on his way, suffering much and oft discouraged, but never turning back to his sin. He had gone from Chicago to New York, and from New York to St. Louis, when one day there came a message from the sheriff that he wanted to see him at the court-house. Burke, with a heavy heart, started, saying as he went, "Some old case they've got against me. But if I'm guilty, I'll tell them so. I'm done lying." The sheriff greeted him kindly and asked, "Where have you been Burke? What have you been doing in those cities? Have you kept a good grip on the religion you told me about?" "Yes," answered Burke, looking him steadily in the eye. "I've had a hard time, sheriff, but I haven't lost my religion." "Burke," said the sheriff, "I have had you shadowed every day you were in New York. I suspected that your religion was a fraud, but I want to say to you that I know you've lived an honest, Christian life, and I have sent for you to offer you a deputyship under me. And you can begin at once." He began! He set his face like a flint! Steadily this old burglar went on until honorable business men by and by

tipped their hats to him as they passed, talking about him as they sat at their tables. One day Moody called on him and found Burke in the sheriff's office. He had a sack of gems in his lap worth \$60,000.00. "Moody," said he, "see what the grace of God can do for a burglar. Look at this! These diamonds had been stolen and the sheriff recovered them, and he has put me to guard them." And he cried like a child as he held up the stones for Moody to see.

Yes, He can absolve from sin! And He can keep men so that they can obey His Word and sin no more!

(From the book, *THE BIBLE OF THE EXPOSITOR AND THE EVANGELIST*, volume five of a 40-volume commentary by Dr. W. B. Riley, published by Union Gospel Press. Used by permission.)



Dr. D. A. McCall

You Can Help Solve This Problem



"No, you go first, please."

Now, this scene in this crowded aisle of the Sword building is not overdrawn. I know that from personal experience. I have obligingly "backed up" to let someone pass. There is a major problem. All staff members are so thoroughly Christian and courteous that each one insists on doing the courtesy for the other. It is a great fellowship.

Your \$31—a dollar for each day in this October—31 days will help the Sword to get beyond this crowded condition.

All that I am and have,
Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life,
Dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be,
Through all eternity,
Something for Thee.

—Sylvanus D. Phelps

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mother who has just heard of her soldier-husband's death . . .

THE DESPERATE SOLDIER in a Korean hospital who wonders how a man with no legs can support a family . . .

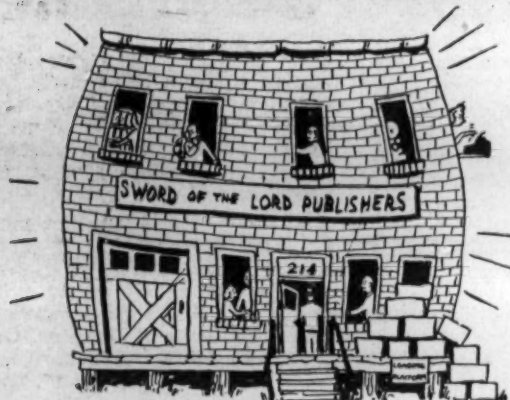
THE OLD KOREAN WOMAN who sits in the bombed ruins of her home and stares at the shattered image of her family god . . .

We cannot say which one needs the Gospel most. We only know that in Korea there are thousands of others like these three — thousands who must hear of a Saviour who loved them and died for them — of a Heavenly Father who cares for them.

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Present Building Crowded



The artist here graphically pictures the crowded condition existent in the present Sword of the Lord building. At first this building was adequate. It has served in a great cause. God's work here has outgrown the building. The building houses offices and headquarters for all the work of the Sword—putting out 94,000 copies of The Sword each week, and it grows; the Book Club of several thousand members, and it grows; evangelists; book store; free literature; wholesale supplies; printing; book-keeping; shipping; storage, and other departments.

We grant you the above picture is a bit exaggerated with the typist working outside of the window, the phone being answered through the window, etc., but it suggests the true crowded condition.

REMEMBER

October is a-dollar-a-day month!

Help the Sword Expand



This is not a "bird's eye" view of the crowded condition we find in the present Sword building, but it is a "full" window view.

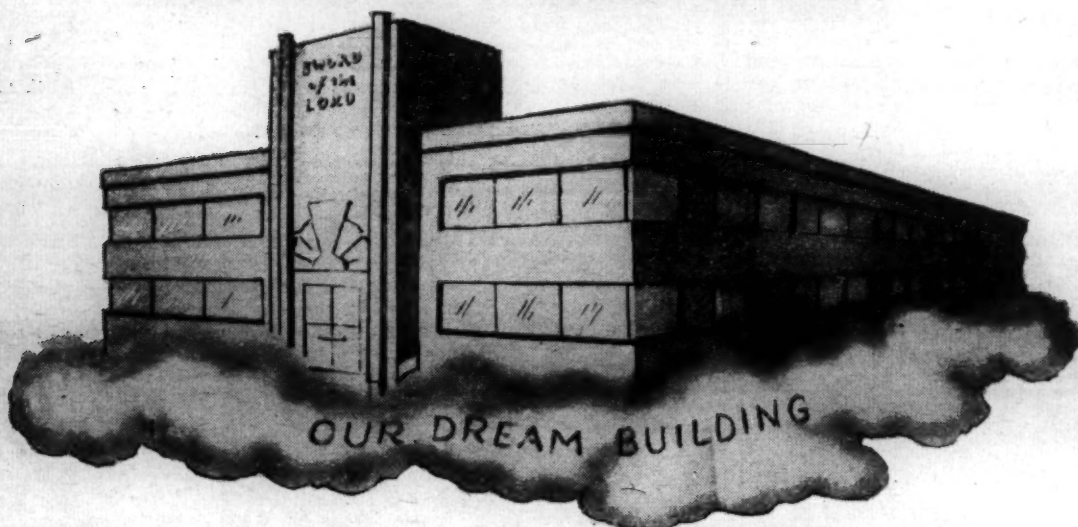
All of us are serious about enlarging our participation in all of the work of Christ. This means looking to one million subscribers to THE SWORD OF THE LORD; 10,000 or more Book Club members; enlarged staff of evangelists; more Christian books published; more free Christian literature distributed; more Christian book stores; more revival conferences; more revivals; increased soul winning; more help to pastors and churches; Dr. Rice on a nation-wide radio hookup; and other projects.

A larger and adequate "home building" is absolutely necessary before all this may be realized.

Your contribution NOW will greatly expedite all this work!

Pray, pray, pray about all these important items of spiritual advancement.

Your Part in a Great Business



Here we have a sketch of the proposed new building, to house under one roof all the local work and workers of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. This foundation is doing the greatest work in all the world, the biggest business in all the world, namely, God's work, business of Christ.

This building will cost \$250,000 or more. You may greatly help by sending in some of the Lord's money for this phase of His work.

Follow the building schedules if you care to—but, send in contributions to help in this great task. We build for Him!

One of a Number

Read Judges, chapter 7. Say! How fine it would have been to be one of that three hundred—winning victory for God and His cause. Read II Chronicles, chapters 3-7. See Solomon and others building the temple, the house of the Lord. It would have been great to be among those builders for the Lord. Read Exodus, chapters 35-38 and walk with God's people as they build for Him the tabernacle. The people brought "too much." They had to be stopped in bringing offerings for that work. God gives in abundance. His people should be the "too much" people. Read Nehemiah, chapters 1-13—an interesting story of God's people rebuilding Jerusalem. One group I note with interest, namely, "their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord," 3:5. We always have a few "nobles" who do nothing about it. Another group interests me, namely, "So built we the wall...for the people had a mind to work" 4:6.

"I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18) said Jesus. God builds a world, a universe—Genesis 1, Hebrews 1.

I would like to be a member of a "too much" group. How fine it would have been to have worked with Nehemiah. We do work with Jesus in building His church.

God has put a desire to build in the hearts of people who count—and, build for Him!

We want 1,000 persons who will now during October send in \$31 each—a dollar for each day of this month, 31 days, \$31 for this building project. We believe God is interested in it. We know it is for God's work of revival, soul winning, evangelism, missions, Gospel preaching, and Bible teaching.

A Friendly Chat--A Personal Word for You

Dear Fellow-Helper in the Gospel: Greetings!

We launched THE SWORD OF THE LORD building plans on a normal level—September as dollar month, i.e., every reader and friend of the Sword giving \$1 during September, 1952, for this proposed new building. Just about everyone can do that much!

Plans developed fast. The tempo increased. Out of "a clear sky" Rev. Al Smith, of Singspiration here in Wheaton, came to Dr. Rice offering to sell a nice, two-story building with full basement, strategically located, at a good investment price. It is not at all large enough to fill the ultimate needs for the work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It

IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done, But he with a chuckle replied That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried. So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin On his face. If he worried he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that; At least no one ever has done it"; But he took off his coat and he took off his hat, And the first thing we knew he'd begun it. With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, Without any doubting or quiddit, He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done There are thousands to prophesy failure; There are thousands to point out to you one by one, The dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in, with a bit of a grin, Just take off your coat and go to it; Just start to sing as you tackle the thing That cannot be done, and you'll do it.

—Edgar A. Guest

will make possible enlargement of the work until the larger and final new building is a reality. It is not the final word because not only is it not large enough but it divides the workers and departments. Much of the work must still be done in the old building.

Dr. Rice and the Board felt the purchase of this building to be of the Lord. We can hardly tell you how crowded is this old building. God seemed to set the tempo. This smaller building, as an intermediate step, costs about one fifth of what the larger and final building is expected to cost. However, we must raise that amount running into a few tens of thousands of dollars.

October has been given a two-fold designation in this building program. First, it is a dollar-a-day month—31 days—a dollar a day equals \$31 each. Why not? We need 1,000 people who will send in during this October \$31 each. You be one of the thousand. Do it now!

Korean Soldier Would Like Letters

Corporal C. M. Hartman, U. S. 52138102, Hq. Co., 6th Q.M. Grp., A.P.O. 59, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, on active duty in Korea, has been there over a year and time seems to go slow, with little mail from home. He would like to receive mail and will answer every letter he receives. Can you write this man a kindly and friendly Christian letter?

Second, October is Farm and Home Offering month in the Sword Building plans. By that we mean some will want to sell chickens, eggs, a calf, or other products giving the price thereof unto the Lord in this building project. A boy on a paper route may help also.

Let us know some of the ways you got the money. Be a builder for Him!

Will It Take Ten Years?

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winning has been made incidental. Worldly-minded pastors and church leaders have not wanted the stir, the challenge, the heart-searching, the purging which genuine revival and evangelism bring. People have wanted to avoid the criticism of worldly people. Denominational leaders have been more intent upon building up a denominational program getting strong church budgets established, and in growing prestige among people, than in the fundamental business of soul winning. We must continue to stir revival fires, to teach that soul winning is the first business of every Christian, that soul winning is the one purpose that really justifies the existence of a church. We must show people that soul winning is the one central part in God's call to the ministry and to the mission field.

We must answer the critics of evangelism. We must help show up excesses and hurtful practices by soul winners and set them a good standard of sacrifice and holy living, of brotherly love and fellowship, of constructiveness and cooperation with the churches. I say THE SWORD OF THE LORD must stir revival fires, must be a voice for evangelism everywhere.

Second, THE SWORD OF THE LORD must help to restore great Bible preaching to the pulpits of America and the English-speaking world. We are determined to stress Bible preaching. We are determined to give preachers inspiration and encouragement, illustrations, outlines, and Bible expositions that will enrich their ministry and give them boldness in preaching the Word of God. We must teach preachers anew to oppose sin, to be the prophets of God instead of the hirelings of worldly church officers. We must set a standard that will bring preachers more and more back to a Bible kind of preaching, preaching on sin, on Hell, on judgment, on the second coming of Christ. THE SWORD has majored on great Bible preaching, and we suppose that no other half-dozen Christian magazines in the English-speaking world has so emphasized Bible preaching as has THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We have published more sermons by greater men of the past and greater soul winners of the present than any other half-dozen Christian magazines with which we are familiar. And a constant stream of letters from preachers make it clear that they are inspired by the preaching in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, that they use the illustrations, that they learn to preach after the pattern of sermons we publish. We must continue this work until every Bible-believing preacher in the world who can read English will have the help of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and every stumbling, blinded modernist who will read THE SWORD will have a chance to read its healing, correcting, instructing pages.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD must set out anew in a great defense of the faith. There is a great slipping on doctrine. The verbal inspiration of the Bible is questioned even among many fundamental groups. We are losing our young people to the false teachings of those who

doubt the absolute integrity of the Bible. The propaganda for the New Revised Version of the Bible casts reflection on the integrity of the Bible, talks about so-called "mistakes." We need to fight out the great problems of the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, His blood atonement, the Bible doctrine of Hell and eternal punishment and similar doctrines. Unless there is some standard set up continually teaching what the Bible claims for itself, what the Bible teaches about great doctrines, thousands of young ministers will be led astray.

We need a constant watch on the heresies and false cults of the day. What other Christian magazine has gone to such lengths to expose Christian Science, Mormonism, Unitarianism, and other such cults as does THE SWORD OF THE LORD all the time?

We must oppose worldliness and give clear Bible teaching on separated and holy living. We must show what is wrong with the movies, the dance, with promiscuous necking and petting. We must show the harm of the unequal yoke and the bloody oaths and the false religion of the lodges. THE SWORD OF THE LORD has a great ministry here where it has stood almost alone through the years.

But THE SWORD OF THE LORD must stand for brotherly love and fellowship among Bible believers. It must not set out to build a denomination for itself, but it must work with all Bible-believing denominations. It must be true to Christ, and true to all the people who love the Lord Jesus in truth and believe His Word. We must boost the great Christian schools that are for evangelism and for the very fundamentals of the faith. We must help to sponsor great conferences that will stir the hearts of men and bring people into fellowship who have like precious faith.

God has laid this great challenge upon me, and with fear and trembling, and with a deep burden of soul, I have surrendered to give up at least half my time and more, if God makes it clear that I should, to the work of stirring revival fires and defending the faith and bringing back New Testament Christianity in mighty power in the churches wherever the English language is spoken and among preachers and Christians everywhere who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

And after counsel with a good many Christian leaders and earnest prayer, I feel that God wants us to seek a million paid subscribers for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Think how many preachers will be saved from modernism, will be saved from selling out to worldliness, will be saved to a soul-winning passion and to fervent Bible preaching, if we have a million subscribers to THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

Think how the doors will open for revivals all over the world if a million homes read THE SWORD OF THE LORD! Already a number of Christian leaders have said that THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been

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Will It Take Ten Years?

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the largest single factor in opening the doors for revivals such as those of Billy Graham, Merv Rosell, Jack Shuler, Hyman Appel- man, and many others, and opening doors for the great Youth For Christ movement. There has been determined opposition to any public invitation to accept Christ, determined opposition to any solid preaching against sin, determined opposition to evangelists and evangelism. Thank God, we have been used of God to help break down the opposition, to answer the ques- tions and arguments and objec- tions of those who oppose evangel- ism. Thank God, we were not alone—we have had the help of great Christian leaders far and near, and God, who knows where the credit belongs, will see that each one is rewarded for his part. But I know that God can use THE SWORD OF THE LORD wonderfully to bring about revivals, great sweeping revivals with tens of thousands saved, revivals like those of D. L. Moody and of Billy Sunday and even greater, if we spread THE SWORD OF THE LORD into a million homes, and if God's anointing Spirit be upon the paper every week.

How Long Will It Take?

How long will it take to extend the subscription list of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to a million homes? It could take ten years. Or it may be done in half that time. That will depend upon what help we have from Christian people.

Let me say, first of all, that obviously I, unaided, cannot in- crease the circulation of THE SWORD to a million circulation. I do not believe that any one man living could do it. If you study the field of Christian journalism, you will find that the independent, fundamental Christian magazines generally waver under 100,000 paid circulation and seem not able to get above that figure. I think that is partly because they appeal to some particular class of people more than to the general public. If THE SWORD OF THE LORD would just appeal to Sunday School teachers, it could never reach a million circulation. If it were oc- cupied primarily with the alumni of some particular school, it would never reach a million paid circula- tion. If it were promoting some particular denominational pro- gram, it would never reach a mil- lion circulation. However, we be- lieve that the aims and objectives of THE SWORD OF THE LORD make it needed everywhere and make possible a much larger subscrip- tion list than other independent fundamental Christian magazines ever attained.

But one man cannot do it. We in the office of THE SWORD OF THE LORD with some sixty-five workers cannot do it. The little editorial group including myself, my brother, Evangelist Bill Rice, assistant editor; and the Minister of Revival Promotion, Dr. D. A. McCall, can- not do it. Even with the help of the ten evangelists on our staff of the Sword of the Lord officially, we cannot do it.

But if God puts it on the hearts of all the people who really stand for what THE SWORD OF THE LORD stands for; who really want what we want, and are willing to help us do the work for God which all of us agree ought to be done, then we can reach a million paid cir- culation. I know how it can be done, with the help of God's peo- ple.

1. We must have the loyal sup- port of pastors and evangelists and missionaries. I believe the time has come when every Bible-believing pastor in the country ought to publicly take a stand for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and encourage his people to read this paper. The doctrinal position is that simple, fundamental, sound position of historic Christianity as it was held by Spurgeon, Moody, Torrey, Billy Sunday, L. R. Scarborough, and (with slight deviations) by H. A. Ironside. Bible-believing preachers can af- ford to endorse the teaching of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Our stand against sin is not radical or fan- atic. We go straight down the road for a Spirit-filled life, with- out any false claims of sinless per- fection, without any talking with

tongues or fanatical extremes. We teach Christians to live out-and-out for Jesus Christ, and preach- ers ought to be willing to endorse that. We are for the local church. We want to build up the churches. We want to back up the pastors. We want to be constructive, not destructive. And we believe we have a right to expect Bible-believing preachers everywhere to stand with us on these matters. We beg every pastor to announce THE SWORD OF THE LORD in his pulpit. Refer to it kindly. Give reference to some quotation in THE SWORD or read some illus- tration to your people.

Surely evangelists everywhere ought to publicly take sides for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, ought to announce it in the pulpit, ought to urge people to subscribe. Evangel- ists in America have never had any Christian paper more actively boosting their work than THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We cannot win this battle without the help of God's preachers!

Here let us thank God for that great group of eminent men of God who have kindly agreed to serve as an honorary board for the Sword of the Lord. Surely it is about the most distinctive list of Christian leaders ever to be assembled behind a Christian en- terprise, as far as we know. Others have had a larger list of sponsors but never, we think, a more dis- tinguished list of great men. Thank God for their friendship for THE SWORD!

2. Thousands of Christian people should set out to get a hundred subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD within one year's time. You may do that during the subscrip- tion campaign. Or you may have a special plan which is offered to those who will get a hundred sub- scriptions. If you like, you may have free sample copies of THE SWORD and subscription envelopes sent to you. You may get some subscriptions now during this campaign and the rest during the year, if you like. But I beg every reader to prayerfully consider whether or not he ought to under- take to get a hundred subscriptions within a year. You may pay for some of them yourself or all of them yourself. Or you may give out sample copies and urge others to subscribe. Or you may enlist a Sunday School class or a few help- ers to pay for subscriptions for others. Or you may get your church to adopt THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the budget. Will you, dear reader, join our One Hundred Sub- scription Club, and earnestly en- deavor to send one hundred paid subscriptions within one year? If you cannot get the names, then many of you can give the gifts to pay for others whose names we have.

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Churches follow this plan with denominational papers. Well, isn't it just as important to see that the hearts of people are fed, that they are stirred to soul winning and godly living, that they learn how to study their Bibles, and how to be filled with the Spirit and live for God, as it is to learn about the denominational organization? I be- lieve that pastors and churches ought to put spiritual ends first, and that about the most fruitful money that any church could spend would be to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every resident family of the church. Pastors, deacons, and other Christian work- ers please take notice, and prayer- fully consider what ought to be done in your church.

4. There ought to be many large missionary gifts, to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to others. We get the names and addresses of thousands of native workers who read English in Japan, in the Philippine Islands, in Africa, and elsewhere. Generally these people are not allowed to send money out of their country to the United States. This is also true about thousands of ministers in Great Britain. They love THE SWORD OF THE LORD. They are eager for the messages. But they cannot send money out of England, for ex- ample, to America, to pay for sub- scriptions. Those who love God and who are for the work THE SWORD OF THE LORD is doing ought to prayerfully consider giving great gifts to our Missionary and Minister's Fund.

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And there are thousands of min- isters in the denominations who have had no contact with such a soul-winning and revival magazine as THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Many of them, upon reading this paper, learn to love it and are led out further into the light. They get inspiration and help from its pages. Someone ought to make it possible for us to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every pastor in America who will read it, at least for a get-acquainted offer. Will you make a gift to the Missionary and Minister's Subscription Fund?

Do What You Can Now!

Does the great plan we have outlined for THE SWORD OF THE LORD seem presumptuous? Well, it is beyond the reach of any one man. I know that I cannot do it. But if those who love the Lord

Jesus and are blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD will help us, we can all together do what no one person could do. I urge all who read this to do what they can today.

First, why not renew your own subscription for at least three years, and get my book, *What It Costs to Be a Good Christian*, 223 pages, retail price \$2.25, absolutely free? Or if you like, you may get *Halley's Bible Handbook*, as a premium. But I suggest that you prayerfully consider sending your own renewal for three years in advance. That will save you miss- ing any copies of the paper. That will save us sending you letters urging you to renew. It will save any accident by which you might miss out on renewal later on. Re- new for yourself if possible.

Second, will you not send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to at least three new subscribers? Will you not select the names of loved ones, or pastor, or young minister, or new converts, or members of the board of your church, and send them THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Remember you get three yearly subscriptions for \$5 plus the large book, *What It Costs to Be a Good Christian*, absolutely free. Or you may get other premiums as you like, according to lists elsewhere in this paper. But subscribe for others.

Third, will you not consider and talk with others in your church about the need for a duplicating machine for the printing of the church bulletins, for getting out

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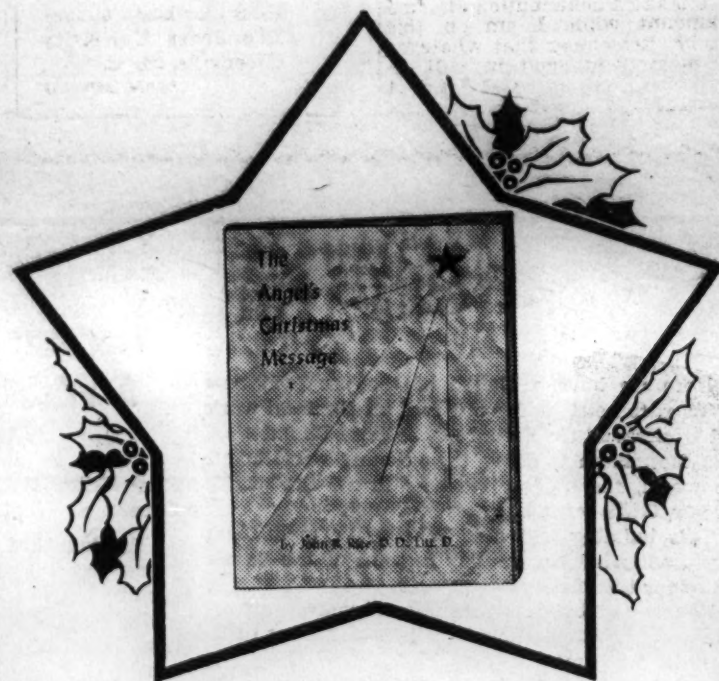
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To Save Your Soul

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ifixion would toss the faith of the disciples on a sea of doubts and uncertainties. They needed a firm anchor. It should be simple truth, yet eternal and fundamental. Therefore He said, "I am the way"—the only way—"no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." The world is mad. In its madness its children welter in blood. The insane spirit of self-destruction that stalks abroad the world today has caused more than one man to blow out his brains, or hurl himself from a high window. Nevertheless, "I am the way," spoken by Jesus, will save the sinner who believes in Him.

3. Add to these texts the words of the great Apostle Peter, preached to the multitude after the resurrection of the Son of God. He preached Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of men, and said: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

These mighty Bible texts rise up like an impassible barrier before those who would seek salva-

tion by any other route than that alone which God has approved.

Before me lies an article from the Catholic newspaper which claims the widest circulation of any in South America. Here is the article: (I translate from the Spanish):

"The story is told of a mother whose two sons were her only comfort, pride and hope. The two sons sickened at the same time and of the same disease. The case was grave and also unusual. It was found necessary to sacrifice one of the sons by an operation, which might possibly permit the other to be saved. Calling the mother, the doctors explained to her the tragic decision, asking which of the sons she preferred to sacrifice. 'Neither the one nor the other,' she exclaimed. 'I love both equally well, and I wish to save both.'

"That is impossible," the doctors replied. "The matter is absolutely critical, you must decide at once." Upon hearing these words, the heart-broken woman screamed and fell dead.

"The same proposal was made one day to Most Holy Mary. It was a question of sending Jesus to death, or of saving lost humanity. Most Holy Mary doubts for a moment, but immediately, although cruelly wounded, she decides and says, 'Let humanity be saved, and let my Jesus go to his death.' Mary, therefore, loves us with a preferential love so great, that for love of us she has consented to the death of her Son."

All this is very moving. But unfortunately for those who receive it as Gospel, there is not one shred of truth in the whole matter! It was Jesus who said, "I lay down my life that I may take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:17,18). Jesus repeatedly spoke of His unity with His Father, of His obedience to His Father, of commandments received from His Father. Never once did He speak in such a way of His mother. The reason is clear. Jesus took human flesh upon Himself by the miracle of His birth to the virgin Mary. But His eternal Father was God Almighty.

As counterfeit bills are sometimes discovered when studied under a strong light, so the counterfeit religions of Satan are discovered by the pure light which streams from the pages of the Word of God. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

I translate another article from the same Catholic newspaper:

"A good Catholic one day found himself in the country in the company of a friend who, unfortunately, had fallen into the net of the Protestants and, what was worse, wished to attract others to the same sect of heretics.

"Look," the friend said to him, 'the Protestants believe in God as you do, they believe in the most

Holy Trinity as you do, only they do not obey the Pope. What harm is there in this?"

"The good Catholic then cut a branch from a nearby tree, let it fall to the ground, and then answered: 'See this branch? It is flexible like the others, it has buds like the others, it is only different from the others in this: it is separated from the trunk and no longer is able to absorb the sap of the tree. The effect of this difference is that while the branches that are united to the tree stay green and fresh, this branch is destined to wither, dry up and will finally be cast into the fire.'

This is a strong warning. I do not pretend to any special wisdom. If by not obeying the Pope I am separated from the life of God, and will finally be thrown into the fire of Hell, I want to know it, and am debtor to the man who warns me. How can we know who is right? How shall we find the truth? Let us turn to God's Word. We will measure this illustration by God's plumb-line.

Jesus said: "I am the vine." He didn't tell us the Pope would be the vine, or the trunk, or any such thing! I have studied the Bible from cover to cover almost forty times. The Pope is not even in it! He is not there at all.

How comforting are the words of Jesus: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:5, 6). Go to Jesus. Get into Him. Live in Him. Dwell in His Word, and learn of Him. In Him is life, and life eternal!

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Afterward Peter healed a lame man and made use of the opportunity to preach once more Jesus Christ: "The God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, ... and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead" (Acts 3:13,15).

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Christmas Pageant

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men return with tidings. No Jewish king must threaten my reign over these pestiferous Jews.

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HERALD READS: Matthew 2: 9-12—When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

SCENE VII

The Wise Men Bring Their Gifts

(This time Mary is seated. The baby lies in the manger. This scene is supposed to be several days after the birth of Jesus, perhaps six weeks.)

WISE MEN FROM OUTSIDE (excitedly): This is the place! The star rests above this stable!

SECOND WISE MAN: The King of the Jews in a stable!

(Joseph goes to door.)

JOSEPH: Enter, friends. (The wise men enter reverently, go straight to the manger, kneel and worship Him. They begin to unwrap packages to present them.)

FIRST WISE MAN: I bring gold to a king, for the spirit says that this Child is to be King of the

Jews, yea, King of Kings and Lord of lords.

SECOND WISE MAN: I bring frankincense, for this child is surely the Son of God and is Himself the Most High God, the God who should be worshipped with the incense of praise and prayer.

THIRD WISE MAN: And I bring myrrh, the bitter herbs of the Passover feast, the spices to anoint and embalm the dead, since this King and God must suffer as a man and die for man's sins.

This King is born of a woman, comes in the form of sinful flesh, enters into all man's temptation, and must suffer death for every man.

FIRST WISE MAN: I bring gold to the King of the Jews, the King who must be served.

SECOND WISE MAN: I bring frankincense to the God of Heaven and earth who lies in this manger. The God who deserves praise and prayer.

THIRD WISE MAN: I bring myrrh, because I trust in this Child who is my Saviour, whose sufferings will pay for my sins and the sins of all mankind. (All three extend their offerings and bow on their knees with their head to the floor in praise and prayer.)

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The Hosts Meet at Denver

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ning, on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit, on the sins that hinder revival, on how to preach for revivals. Those who have read the editor's book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, the best seller in the English language on the subject (140,000 copies published), will wish to hear him in person.

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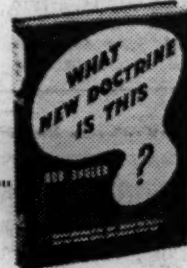
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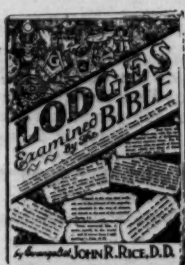
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and as earnestly as I could to advance the work. So the Sword of the Lord, our book publishing business, the Sword Book Club, the summer conferences on revival and soul winning, the local Christian bookstore, the Free Literature Fund, the Ministers and Missionary's Subscription Fund—all these are really on a non-profit basis; and in the nature of the case they cannot furnish any profit or net gain to pay for new buildings and for an enlarged program.

Any thoughtful reader can see why this is so. First, THE SWORD OF THE LORD subscription price is only \$2 a year. If we charged \$3 a year subscription price, and got as many subscriptions as at present, it would mean about \$90,000 more during the last year than we got. But actually many of our subscribers would be left behind, with any stiff increase in rates. Yet other comparable Christian magazines charge around \$3 a year. We have intentionally set the price as low as possible in order to reach more people with the Gospel. And we believe that pleases the Lord. But it leaves us without the income that we might otherwise have.

Again, it is obvious that all the money we raise for free literature, which is sent around the world, published in some thirteen languages, thousands of dollars annually, cannot leave any profit for new buildings or expansion.

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On the Sword Book Club, we have lost money nearly every year of its existence. It has done enormous good, however, and we hope within a few months to have it on a self sustaining basis. But certainly there has been no profit received from the Book Club, which could apply on new buildings or expansion.

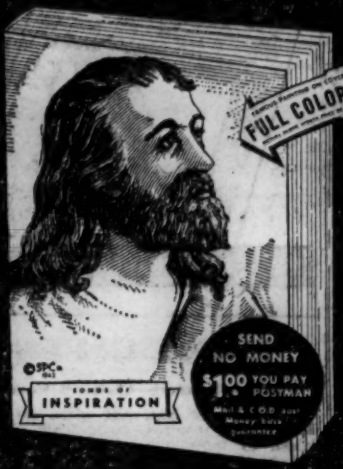
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Suggestions for October Gifts

Dr. D. A. McCall, our Minister of Revival Promotion who has the principal responsibility in this matter of the Building Fund, has suggested that all who can, give \$1 a day during the thirty-one days of October. Mrs. Rice and I will give our \$31, and we will be deeply grateful if as many others as can do so will give a like sum during October.

But another suggestion for October is that each one who can, do some extra work, make a little extra money, and give it, joyfully, to the Sword Building Fund. Some boy may carry a paper route and give a week's profit to the Sword Building Fund. Some woman will make a dress or a set of window curtains, or sell other needlework, and give the returns to the Sword Building Fund. Many a farm woman will sell eggs, or chickens. Some farmers will sell a calf or a pig, or a load of corn, and give the proceeds to the Sword Building Fund. A real estate agent will sell a piece of property, and give his commission. A laborer will work over-time at the plant, and give the over-time pay to the Sword Building Fund. Some ministers will receive a private offering for a wedding or a funeral, and will send the offering to the Sword Building Fund. Some Sunday School class will give a love-offering for this purpose.

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Someone asks, "Should I give of my tithes in this fashion?"

I answer, Yes, if God leads you to do so. I believe that every Christian who is a member of a good sound church ought to support his own church. You have duties and obligations to your own church that ought not to be ignored. We do not ask for all of your tithes and offerings, we do not want you to ignore other responsibilities. But we believe that the tithe is the Lord's, and the Lord will show you where to give it, if you are prayerful and earnest. Yes, send of your own money and send of your tithes and offerings to God, as God puts it on your heart. This matter ought to be settled in the light of your other responsibilities, and in

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But little time remains in October. I appeal to you to help. But please remember that this work is not my work any more than it is yours. I do not own the Sword of the Lord. I do not own our buildings, our great stock of books, our equipment. I do not draw a penny of salary. If I should die today, my family could never recover ownership or control of any of the Sword of the Lord property. The two buildings, worth together about \$100,000; more than \$100,000 worth of books in stock; the office desks, typewriters, adding machines, printing presses, files, mailing machine, sealers, addressers, and scales—all this is the property of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, and is controlled by a board of directors. It belongs to the people of God. I want to do my part and I hope that readers will do their part also in expanding this great work.

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